

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026
5:30 P.M. CIVIC CENTER/CITY HALL

OFFICER PRESENT: TODD

COUNCIL PRESENT: PRIOR, HARRIS, SPARROW, MAPEL, TOMPKINS

COUNCIL ABSENT:

CONSENT AGENDA-meeting started 5:30pm

Previous minutes and claims. Tobacco license for Caseys and Economart Foods. Motion was made by Harris, second by Mapel. Prior-yes, Sparrow-yes, Harris-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

CITIZENS CONCERN-Cori Milan, from Louisa Development Group presented a grant proposal to restore the facades on some downtown buildings. The City of Wapello is currently working on restoring 8 downtown buildings. The building owner pays 25%, the city pays 25% and the grant would fund up to 50%. Cori asked the council to review her information and will be on next meeting agenda.

1. **KATE GIANNINNI-IOWA FLOOD CENTER**-Kate traveled to the Netherlands for a flood summit. She was there for 6 weeks and learned about watershed management, drought, water quality. There is a Google grant our city can apply for that can help with water management for Short Creek and having two rivers in our town. Kate had several pictures and said the Netherlands was a large agriculture producer like Iowa.
2. **RESOLUTION 051326 CLOSE HILLS BANK ACCOUNTS**-Now that the city has a website and can take payments online, they decided to get rid of debit card machine. It was costing the city too much money to use the debit card machine. Harris made motion to close accounts and transfer money back to Roundy Funds where the account started up with. Prior second the motion. Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.
3. **SEALCOAT PROPOSAL**-LL Pelling company submitted several quotes for roads in town to do seal coat. Salazar suggested what roads he would like to see done. The council talked about fixing some of the main roads, as in Gamble and Maple. The IDOT provided around \$201,000 to use at fixing some of the streets that were damaged during the detour. Salazar suggested talking with Matt Walker on what it would cost to fix those two roads and waiting on sealcoat. Harris made the motion to table discussion and talk with engineer on road situation. Mapel second the motion. Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.
4. **SEWER LOAN TERMS**-The city borrowed money for a year from Washington State Bank to make loan payments. It comes due the first part of June. The city has been paying monthly interest payments. Mayor Todd reported that the city could have a 7 year loan and would balloon. The monthly payment would be \$1422.39 with an interest rate of 4.8%.
5. **EXCAVATION PERMIT/FINE**-Mayor Todd put together a permit for residents to acquire before they dig. If they don't get permit or do the Iowa One Call the city could issue a fine. The council felt this was a good idea but could not agree on fines. Mapel made the motion to table it and

Harris second the motion. Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.

6. **TRANSIENT PERMIT**-Mayor Todd created a new permit for solicitors to fill out. It requires more information than the previous permit. Harris made motion to approve, Mapel second. . Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.
7. **POLICE TERM ORDINANCE**-The city would like to have a two-year term for Police Chief position in case they have issues with the new hire. Sparrow made motion to add two-year term and waive the 2nd and 3rd reading. Mapel second the motion. Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.
8. **ROUNDY FUNDS-AMBULANCE TRANSFER TRUCK**-Dan Conry presented figures to the council to start running non-emergency transfers from hospitals. The need to generate more income and more staff to help fill in for vacations. Prior made a motion to use Roundy Funds to help with expenses until they started receiving payments. Sparrow felt like Roundy Funds should not be used on the operation expenses but felt it was a good idea to increase revenue. Sparrow made motion to table and have ambulance talk to the bank and bring back some figures. Harris second the motion. Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.
9. **MAIN & WALNUT INTERSECTION CHANGE/PAINT GRANT**-Cori Milan reported that we received a \$700 grant for paint supplies to create bump-outs. She explained the intent is to slow traffic. The plan would include moving the crosswalk and permanent bump-outs. Mayor Todd said we may lose a few parking spots. Tompkins made the motion to approve the painting to see if it would make a difference. Mapel second the motion. Harris-yes, Sparrow-yes, Mapel-yes, Prior-yes, Tompkins-yes. Approved.
10. **SENIOR SIGNS**-The in the past has purchased signs for the seniors at graduation. They started this the year COVID hit. Tompkins made the motion to approve purchasing them. There was a lack of a second motion so it dropped.
11. **CONCRETE BIDS**-The city has several patches around town that need fixed from water breaks and wear from the detour. They received 4 quotes. Columbus Concrete, \$28,392 with city paying for concrete, LADS \$40,000 with city paying for concrete, Promix LLC \$46,354, with city paying for concrete and Jeremy Marin with his bid included concrete was \$61,404. Mayor Todd stated with our procurement policy we had to take the lowest bid. Harris made motion for Columbus Concrete to get the bid, Tompkins second the motion. Prior-yes, Harris-yes, Mapel-yes, Tompkins-yes, Sparrow-no. Approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Utilities-talk of fixing sewer line on Ridge road.

Streets & Sidewalks-Tompkins asked Public Works to check into a drop off on new road down by Lowe's old carwash.

Public Safety-Assistant Chief Stender took a job with Louisa County Sherriff's office. It was his last day, May 13th. Chief Orr thanked him for his years of service and wished him the best of luck.

Finance-None

Library Report-None

Ambulance-None

MAYOR'S REPORT-Mayor Todd said City Attorney, Sasha Finke was looking into some of the city's policies. Also mentioned the Gazette inquiring about an ad for the graduates.

Motion made by Harris to adjourn meeting, second by Mapel. Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:13pm.

Mayor

Attest: City Clerk